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1. One Soviet in civilian clothes and two Po-an-tae members were observed on 25 July talking to two directors of the Taejin Enterprise Company, at 2 Ka, Chongno, Seoul. The Soviets are contracting for the construction of living quarters and offices in the capitol building for the use of Soviets working there. A Taejin employee stated on 29 July that 50 Soviets are working in the capitol building in office rooms 302 through 309, and are billeted in rooms 309 through 314. Ten to fifteen Soviets were observed entering the building by the rear gate; the Soviets never use the front gate.
2. Approximately 15,000 Po-an-tae moved into Seoul by mid-August, and established headquarters in the Muhak Girls' High School. Some camped in neighboring parks. They were identified by identity cards issued to laborers as 3 Brigade Po-an-tae, Department of Interior. Each soldier was equipped with either a Soviet PPSH or rifle; there was one HMG and one IMG for each platoon. Four or five trench mortars were seen.
3. On 20 August NKPA engineers were constructing concrete and wooden trenches on roads and beaches between Sobinggo and the Han River.
4. Artillery entrenchments were being constructed in the Seoul area at Inwang-san, Nak-san, Kwanak-san, and Sankak-san during the 31 July and 5 August bombings. The Sankak-san entrenchment can be seen from the hill in back of the capitol building, Seoul.
5. As of 7 August, Seoul installations completely destroyed by bombs are: an artillery factory, Yongsan railroad station, liberation village, the Choson publication office, army headquarters, the artillery school, and Sankakchin army dependent housing. Partly destroyed are: the Seoul railroad station, Shindang-dong, and Sobinggo-dong.
6. Because of frequent UN bombings, no mass meetings were held in Seoul.

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Since the business district was not bombed, the NKPA in early August moved to Chongno, Ulchi-ro, Chungmu-ro, Kwanghwa-mun, and Mantae-mun. On 5 August the Seoul City People's Committee announced an order of evacuation from the business streets Chongno 1-5 Ka, Chungmu-ro 1-4 Ka, Ulchi-ro 1-4 Ka, and the South Gate areas between 15 and 20 August.

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